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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2625
Docket No.: 1075.1155**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuaki USUI et al.

Serial No. 09/818,498

Group Art Unit: 2625

Confirmation No. 1215

Filed: March 28, 2001

Examiner: Tommy D. Lee

For: HALFTONING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER-READABLE
RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH HALFTONING PROGRAM IS RECORDED

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on December 27, 2006.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.



S&H Form: (02/05)

REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

		Attorney Docket No.	1075.1155		
		Application Number	09/818,498		
		Filing Date	March 28, 2001		
		First Named Inventor	Nobuaki USUI et al.		
		Group Art Unit	2625		
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$0.00	Examiner Name	Tommy D. Lee		

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 12/08/04)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	41	- 43 =	0	X \$ 50.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	9	- 10 =	0	X \$ 200.00 =	\$ 0.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of December 27, 2006, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months					
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$500.00)					
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$130.00)					
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					

- (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".
- (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".
- (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".
- (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check enclosed as payment.
- Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
- No payment is enclosed.

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

- If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:

Deposit Account No.	19-3935
Deposit Account Name	STAAS & HALSEY LLP
- The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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Signature	<i>Temnit Afework</i>	Date	11/06/2006